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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-25 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in another application, and add new claims 26-48 as follows:

26. (NEW) A synthetic oligonucleotide of at least approximately 30 nucleotides in length and comprising a 5mCpG dinucleotide, wherein the 5mC is a C-5 methylcytosine, and wherein the synthetic oligonucleotide comprises a phosphorothioate nucleotide.

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